

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner Wei and Supervisory Patent Examiner Dam for taking time from their busy schedule on June 19, 2007, to conduct a telephone interview including co-inventor Gustavson. During that interview, Dr. Gustavson provided a summary of the present invention and distinctions from the cited references.

There was additionally discussion during the interview about the modification of the claims in view of this interview. Applicants' representative thanks the Examiner for pointing out in his Examiner's Summary of Interview that the claim amendments and/or clarification had not yet been received at the USPTO. This supplemental amendment provides these claim adjustments and clarifications.

The basis in the specification for the modification for claim 4, 9, 15, and 18 is found at lines 17-21 of page 18.

IV. FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-20, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully Submitted,



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